1.2. U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/541,433, entitled "Efficient LDPC code decoding with new minus operator in a finite precision radix system," ~~(Attorney Docket No. BP3448)~~, filed February 3, 2004 (02/03/2004), pending.

The ~~present U.S. Utility Patent Application also claims priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the~~ following U.S. Utility Patent Application ~~which~~ is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and made part of the present U.S. Utility Patent Application for all purposes:

1. U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 10/369,168, entitled "Low Density Parity Check (LDPC) code decoder using min*, min**, max* or max** and their respective inverses," ~~(Attorney Docket No. BP2559)~~, filed February 19, 2003 (02/19/2003), pending."